

## **CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

9. (currently amended) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting, comprising: a base wall, first and second opposed parallel side walls projecting perpendicularly from opposite sides of the base wall and defining a wire-receiving space between the side walls, first and second opposed V-shaped insulation-displacement portions projecting respectively from the first and second side walls into the wire-receiving space, first and second ~~substantially planar~~ locks projecting respectively from the first and second side walls into the wire-receiving space in positions spaced from the insulation-displacement portions, each of said planar locks being completely planar to define a single plane aligned substantially normal to the respective side walls and the base wall, said first and second locks having opposite planar surfaces and being formed respectively with first and second edges extending between the opposite planar surfaces of the respective locks, the first and second edges defining portions distal ends of the respective first and second locks furthest from the respective first and second side walls, ~~whereby a wire can be inserted into the wire-receiving space sufficiently for cutting a resin coating of the wire by projecting ends of the insulation-displacement portions and bringing being configured for cutting a resin coating on a wire inserted into the wire receiving space so that a core of the wire into contacts with the projecting ends of the insulation-displacement portions, and wherein the edges of the locks being disposed to bite into at least the resin coating so that the planar surfaces of each of said locks are aligned normal to a longitudinal direction of the wire and engage cut-open surfaces of the resin coating for resisting a pull out force on the wire in directions along the longitudinal direction of the wire and normal to the planar surfaces of the locks.~~

12. (previously presented) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting according to claim 9, wherein the locks project by a sufficient distance for contacting the core.

13. (previously presented) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting according to claim 12, wherein the locks and the insulation-displacement portions project substantially equal distances from the respective side walls.

14. (previously presented) An insulation-displacement terminal fitting according to claim 9, comprising a front end defining an engaging portion for engaging a mating terminal, the insulation displacement-terminal portions being rearward of the engaging portion, the locks being rearward of the insulation-displacement portions.